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September 15, 2003

Ms. Delores Brown
Chief, Mitigation and Restoration Branch
Department of Water Resources
3251 S Street
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Re: Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

for Environmental Water Account (EWA)

Dear Ms. Brown:

Zone 7 appreciates the opportunity to comment on this CEQA/NEPA document. Zone 7 is a State Water Project (SWP) contractor that wholesales treated water and provides flood protection and groundwater and stream management to a population of approximately 180,000 in the Livermore-Amador Valley. In addition, approximately 15% of Zone 7's supply is used for agriculture and irrigated turf. Zone 7's mission is a commitment to provide a reliable supply of high quality water and an effective flood control system in the Valley and provide this in a fiscally responsible, innovative, proactive and environmentally sensitive way.

Zone 7 supports the EWA program as an equitable water management program for all effected parties utilizing Delta water.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (925) 484-2600, ext. 400, jhoren@zone7water.com or Jack Fong at ext. 245, jfong@zone7water.com.

Sincerely,

Jim Horen

Principal Engineer

Advance Planning Section

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Jack Fong, Associate Engineer, Zone 7

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Ms. Delores Brown, Chief Mitigation and Restoration Branch Department of Water Resources 3251 S Street Sacramento, CA 95816

Dear Ms. Brown:

REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROVIDE COMMENTS ON THE PUBLIC DRAFT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ACCOUNT (EWA) EIS/EIR

This letter is to request a formal extension of time to Monday, September 22, 2003 for the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights (Division) to provide written comments on the Public Draft EWA EIS/EIR. On September 11 and 12, 2003 Diane Riddle of my staff contacted you to request an extension of time. Ms. Riddle informed you that the reason for the request was that appropriate staff was not made aware of the document's availability until recently. Consequently, in order for staff to adequately review the document, additional time is needed. On September 12, 2003 you responded that an informal extension of time of one week is allowed for the Division to provide comments.

I appreciate the informal extension of time. However, I believe that given the potential importance of this document in future decisions by the Division, it is important for the Division to receive a formal written extension of time to complete review of the document and provide any necessary comments. Please let me know at your earliest convenience whether a formal extension of time will be allowed. In the absence of a formal extension of time, the Division reserves the right to separately require any documentation that is excluded from the EIS/EIR due to the inadequate review period under its water rights authority, in the event that the document is required for any future decisions by the Division.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Ms. Riddle, the staff person assigned to this matter at (916) 341-5297. Alternatively, you may also contact me at (916) 341-5423.

Sincerely,

Assistant Division Chief

(See next page.) cc:

Ms. Delores Brown, Chief

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